

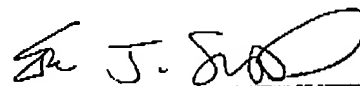
Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 15-36 are hereby added. Upon entry of this Amendment, there will be thirty six (36) pending claims, of which seven (7) are independent (i.e., claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 13, 30, and 36). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$568.00 to cover the fees for the increase in the number of independent claims and the increase in the total number of claims. No new matter will be incorporated into the present application by entry of this Amendment. The Patent Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees that may be required for entry of this Amendment, or to keep this application in force at any time during its pendency, to Deposit Account No. 061910.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned to discuss this application.

Respectfully submitted,

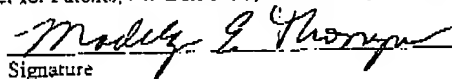
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